

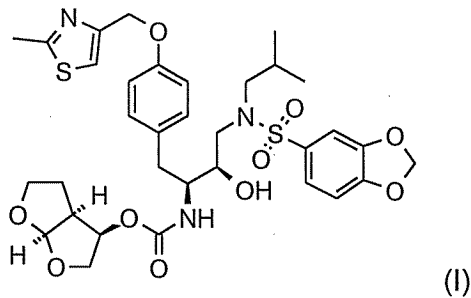
Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

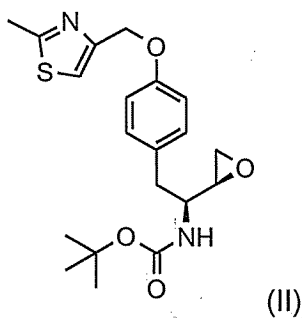
1 - 24 cancelled

25. (new) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

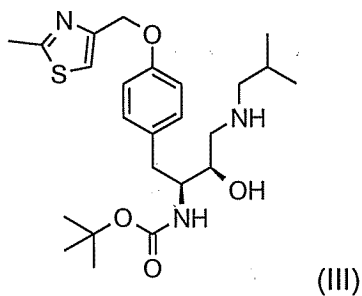


comprising :

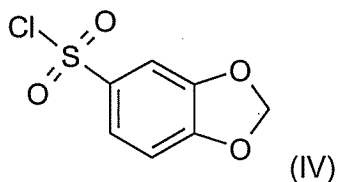
(a) treating a compound of formula (II)



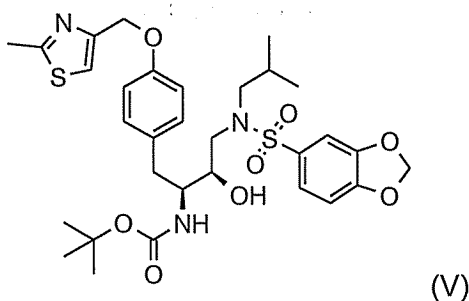
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



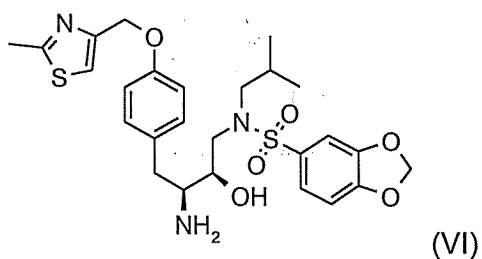
(b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



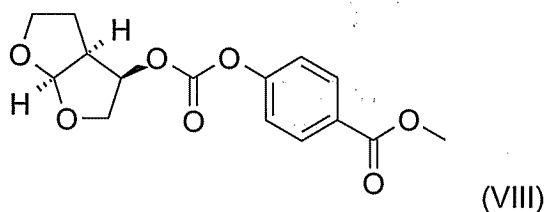
in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)



(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) to form a compound of formula (VI)



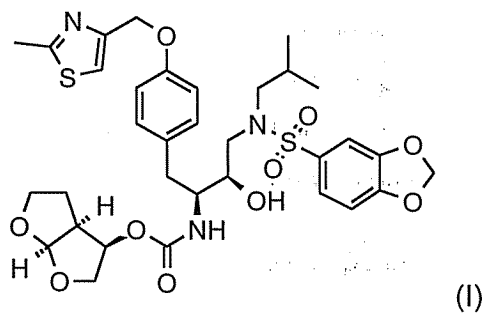
(d) coupling a compound of formula (VI) with a compound of formula (VIII)



to yield a compound of formula (I).

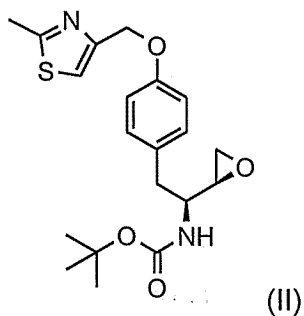
26. (new) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) comprising steps (a), (b), (c) and (d) according to claim 25 wherein steps (a) and (b) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (V) which is isolated and in which steps (c) and (d) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (I).

27. (new) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

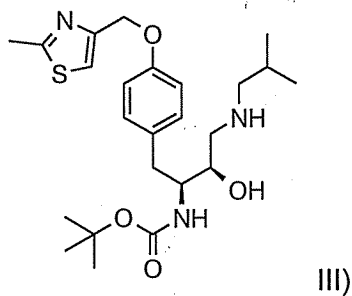


comprising :

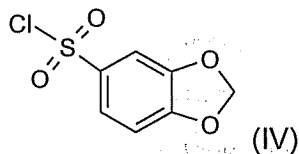
(a) treating a compound of formula (II)



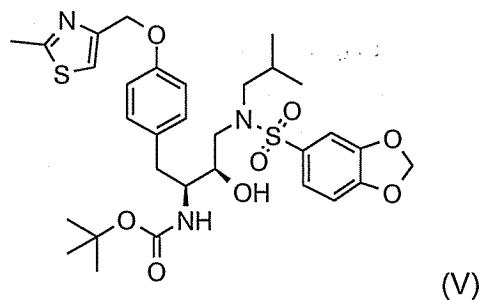
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



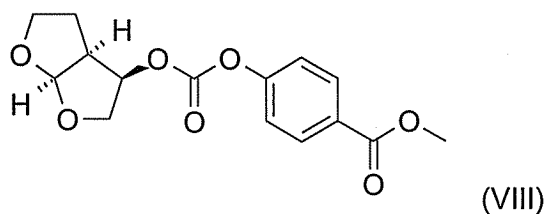
(b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)

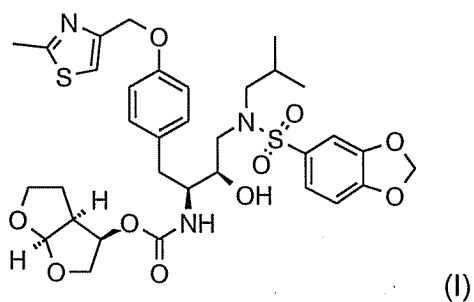


(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) and coupling with a compound of formula (VIII)



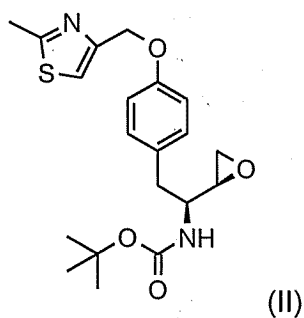
to form a compound of formula (I).

28. (new) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

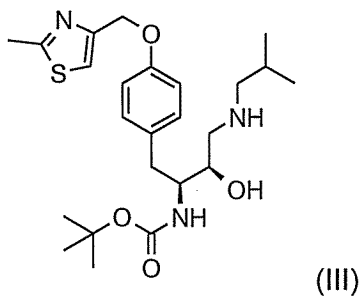


comprising :

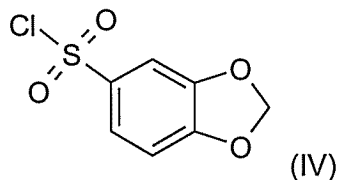
(a) treating a compound of formula (II)



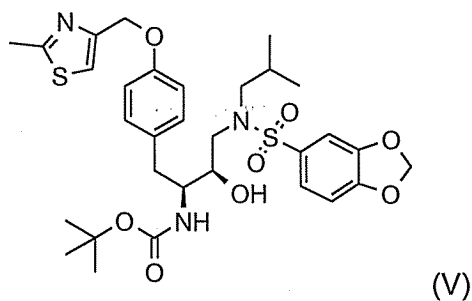
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



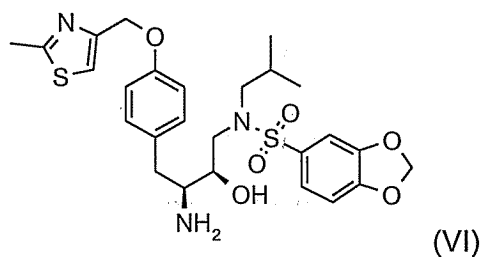
(b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



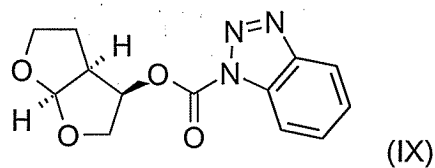
in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)



(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) to form a compound of formula (VI)



(d) coupling a compound of formula (VI) with a compound of formula (IX)

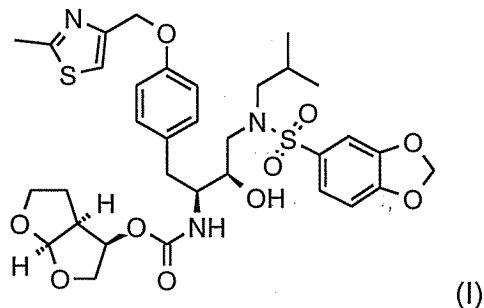


to yield a compound of formula (I).

29. new) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I) comprising steps (a), (b), (c) and (d) according to claim 28 wherein steps (a) and (b) are combined in a

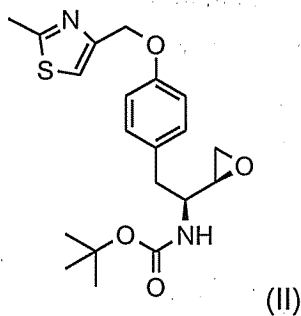
one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (V) which is isolated and in which steps (c) and (d) are combined in a one-pot reaction to yield a compound of formula (I).

30. (new) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

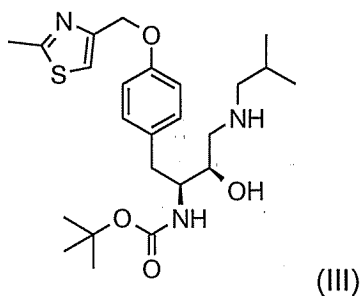


comprising :

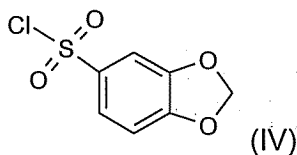
(a) treating a compound of formula (II)



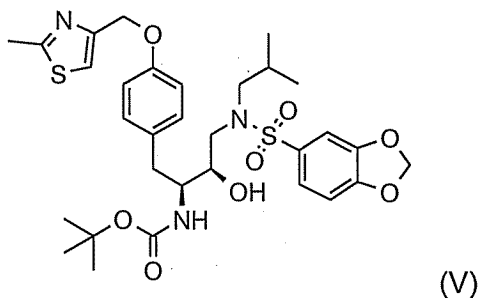
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



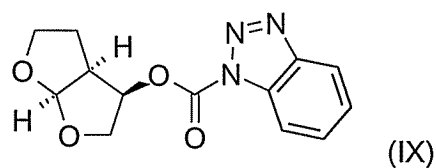
(b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



in the presence of an aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)



(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) and coupling with a compound of formula (IX)



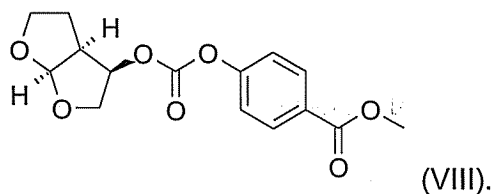
to form a compound of formula (I).

31. (new) A process according to claim 28 wherein the alcohol-containing solvent is acetonitrile-methanol.

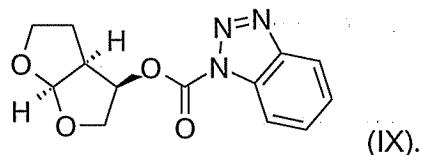
32. (new) A process according to claim 28 wherein the aqueous base is sodium bicarbonate.

33. (new) A process according to claim 25 wherein step (b) is performed in the presence of non-aqueous base.

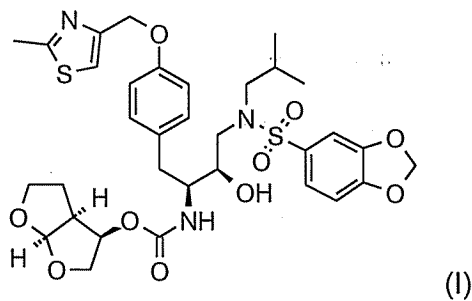
34. (new) A compound of formula (VIII)



35. (new) A compound of formula (IX)

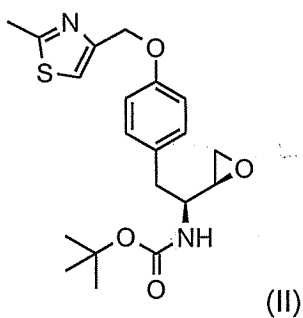


36. (new) A process for the preparation of a compound of formula (I)

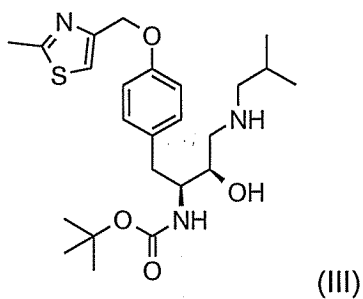


comprising :

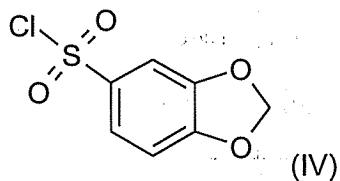
(a) treating a compound of formula (II)



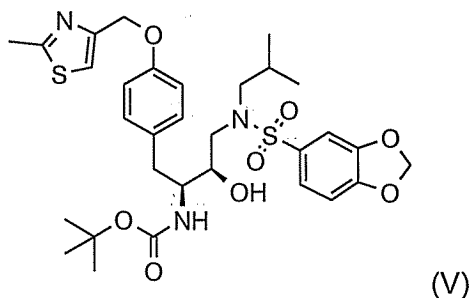
with excess isobutylamine in an alcohol-containing solvent to form a compound of formula (III)



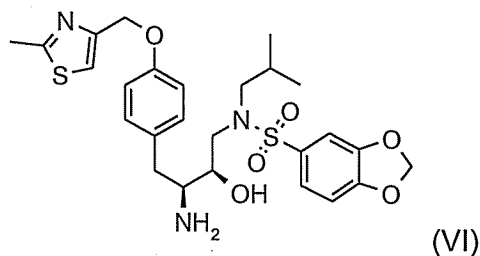
(b) treating a compound of formula (III) with a compound of formula (IV)



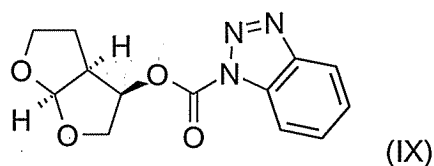
in the presence of non- aqueous base to form a compound of formula (V)



(c) deprotecting a compound of formula (V) to form a compound of formula (VI)



(d) coupling a compound of formula (VI) with a compound of formula (IX)



to yield a compound of formula (I).

37. (new) A process according to claim 36 wherein the non-aqueous base is N-methylmorpholine.

38. (new) A process according to claim 37 wherein the non-aqueous base is N-methylmorpholine.

39. (new) A process according to claim 25 wherein the alcohol-containing solvent is acetonitrile-methanol.

40. (new) A process according to claim 25 wherein the aqueous base is sodium bicarbonate.